

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a CARD-containing polypeptide, which is:
 - (a) —DNA encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 97.
2. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence of said nucleic acid molecule comprises SEQ ID NO: 96.
3. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is cDNA.
4. (Previously Presented) A vector containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
5. (Previously Presented) Recombinant cells containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
- 6-30. (Canceled).
31. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid, which is DNA that hybridizes to a DNA that encodes a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 97 under moderately stringent conditions, wherein the nucleotide sequence of said nucleic acid molecule comprises SEQ ID NO: 96.
32. (Canceled).

33. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 31, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is antisense DNA or a probe.

34. (Previously Presented) A vector containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 31.

35. (Previously Presented) Recombinant cells containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 31.

36-38. (Canceled).